

# Vaccine Update

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To: **SSV Provider Sites**

Re: **Guidelines for use of State-Supplied Influenza Vaccine**

To date, a very limited quantity of injectable flu vaccine (with preservative) has arrived. We are only able to fill very small orders (10-20 doses) at this time.

- ❖ If you've already placed your month's order for flu vaccine, you'll be informed when you can pick-up the vaccine. If you have not yet placed your month's order for flu vaccine, please do so immediately. Any back-ordered amounts will be filled as soon as additional flu vaccine is received.
- ❖ As we transition to Direct Distribution, we are removing SSV vaccine stockpiles from hospital pharmacies. This means that flu vaccine will need to be picked up at the DOH vaccine room.
- ❖ **We continue to encourage the use of Flumist (intranasal vaccine) for healthy children 5-18 years of age to assure there is enough vaccine for all children.**

The table below lists the flu vaccines we will be providing and the status of availability. Due to the quantities we will receive of each different type of influenza vaccine we request that you use the table below as a guide when administering vaccine to specific age groups.

Age Group	Vaccine Type <sup>1</sup>	Health Status	CPT Code	Dose	Route	Status of Availability
6 - 35 months	<b>Fluzone (Sanofi) Preservative Free (Pre-filled syringe)</b>	Healthy and High-risk	90655	0.25 mL	IM	Awaiting shipment
3 - 4 years	<b>Fluzone (Sanofi) With Preservative (Injectable-10 dose vial)</b>	Healthy and High-risk	90658	0.50 mL	IM	Limited quantities on-hand
5 - 18 years	<b>Flumist (MedImmune) (Single dose sprayer)</b>	Healthy Children Only	90660	0.50 mL (0.25 mL each nostril)	Intra-nasal	Available to order (direct delivery)
	<b>Fluvirin (Chiron) (Injectable-10 dose vial)</b>	High-risk <sup>2</sup>	90658	0.50 mL	IM	Limited quantities on-hand

1. Children < 9 years of age receiving injectable (Fluzone/Fluvirin) vaccine for the first time should receive 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart. Children 5-8 years of age receiving Flumist for the first time should receive 2 doses 6-10 weeks apart.

2. Fluvirin may be used for healthy children if vaccine supply permits.

## Priority groups (high-risk) for influenza vaccination:

- Children ages 6-59 months
- Children ages 6 months-18 years with underlying chronic medical conditions (this includes heart and lung disease, asthma, aspirin therapy, and diabetes)
- Adolescent females who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers (under age 19) of children 6 months and younger

For more information about flu vaccine recommendations see: [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr55e628a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr55e628a1.htm)

## **CPT Codes and KIDSNET**

Please report influenza vaccines to KIDSNET by using the correct CPT codes (provided above).

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